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SUBJ: BALTIC SEA MARINE ENVIRONMENT CONFERENCE-- PREPARATORY
MEETING SCHEDULED IN HELSINKI

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1. BEGIN SUMMARY. DURING WEEK BEGINNING MAY 28 FINNISH GOVERNMENT WILL ACT AS HOST FOR PREPARATORY TALKS FOR BALTIC SEA MARINE ENVIRONMENT CONFERENCE EXPECTED TO BE CONVENED LATER THIS YEAR. ALL OF THE COUNTRIES BORDERING THE BALTIC SEA WILL BE REPRESENTED BY GOVERNMENT EXPERTS. THIS CONFERENCE, ACCORDING TO A FOREIGN OFFICE SOURCE, COMPLEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTS THE BALTIC SEA FISHERIES AND ENVIRONMENT CONFERENCE TO TAKE PLACE IN GDANSK, POLAND IN SEPTEMBER. END SUMMARY.

2. FOREIGN OFFICE SOURCE (SAKARI NURMI) HAS CONFIRMED THAT FINLAND WILL ACT AS HOST FOR PREPARATORY TALKS FOR BALTIC SEA MARINE ENVIRONMENT CONFERENCE WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE CONVENED LATER THIS YEAR. THE PREPARATORY TALKS WILL BE FOR ONE WEEK AND
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TAKE PLACE IN HELSINKI BEGINNING ON MAY 28. ALL COUNTRIES BORDERING THE BALTIC SEA WILL BE REPRESENTED BY GOVERNMENT EXPERTS. FINLAND' S DELEGATION WILL BE HEADED BY PAUL GUSTAFSSON, NEWLY APPOINTED CHIEF OF THE OFFICE OF LEGAL AFFAIRS IN THE FONOFF; HE WILL BE SUPPORTED BY OTHER GOVERNMENT EXPERTS. SOURCE HAS INDICATED THAT IN PREPARATORY TALKS, FINNS WILL ENDEAVOR NOT ONLY TO OBTAIN AGREEMENT ON FRAMEWORK AND AGENDA BUT MAY ALSO GET UNDERSTANDING ON MINOR ASPECTS OF ENVIRONMENT WHICH COULD BE APPROVED DURING DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE TO BE CONVENED LATER THIS YEAR. NO DETAILS WERE GIVEN.

3. IN RESPONSE OUR INQUIRY AS TO RELATIONSHIP WITH BALTIC SEA CONFERENCE ON FISHERIES AND ENVIRONMENT SCHEDULED TO OCCUR IN SEPTEMBER IN GDANSK FOR WHICH POLISH GOVERNMENT HAD RECENTLY EXTENDED INVITATIONS, SOURCE SAID THERE IS NOT CONFLICT OR DUPLICATION. THE CONFERENCE IN GDANSK WOULD DEAL WITH FISHERIES AND HE LOOKED UPON THE TWO SCHEDULED CONFERENCES AS BEING COMPLEMENTARY AND SUPPLEMENTARY TO EACH OTHER.

4. EMBASSY COMMENT. THE PROPOSED FINNISH BALTIC SEA CONFERENCE WAS DECIDED UPON FOLLOWING THE ENVIRONMENT CONFERENCE IN SWEDEN AND RESOLUTION OF PROBLEM OF RECOGNITION OF TWO GERMANIES.

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